

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is dedicated to ensuring the good health of all of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, the Women's Heart Foundation notes that, although heart disease is the leading cause of death in women, killing six times as many women as breast cancer, only nine percent of women view heart disease as their main health concern; and
- WHEREAS, the Women's Heart Foundation also asserts that, while the death rate for men with cardiovascular disease has steadily declined over the years, the death rate has been increasing in women; and
- WHEREAS, women often experience milder symptoms of heart disease than men; about one-third of women have atypical symptoms of heart disease with no chest pain at all; and nearly two-thirds of American women who die suddenly of a heart attack had no prior symptoms; and
- WHEREAS, in 1998, Governor Frank O'Bannon announced the establishment of the Office of Women's Health at the Indiana State Department of Health to improve the health status of women in Indiana through assessment of health needs, increased public awareness, education and coordinated development of women's health programming; and
- WHEREAS, the Indiana Commission for Women and Office of Women's Health, with assistance from government and private interest groups, serve to encourage the understanding of the risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease; and
- WHEREAS, it is important to set aside time to increase all women's awareness of the danger of heart disease and to encourage them to modify and improve their health behaviors to promote heart-healthier lifestyles and to learn more about what they can do preserve the health of their hearts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim February 1-7, 2003, as

WOMEN'S HEART WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to take due note of the observance.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 7th day of January, 2003.

Frank O'Bannon

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: Todd Rokita
Secretary of State

Todd Rokita